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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
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Art Unit: 3749 (Examiner Kathleen A. McNelis)  
Applicant: Stephen M. Potter  
Serial No: 10/789,696  
Filed: 02/27/2004  
Title: PRE-TREATMENT PROCESS FOR FEED MATERIAL FOR DIRECT  
REDUCTION PROCESS

Charlotte, North Carolina  
January 19, 2006

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Official Action mailed August 4, 2005.

A credit card authorization form in the amount of \$1020.00 for the Large Entity Extension of Time Fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to DOUGHERTY & CLEMENTS LLP Deposit Account No. 04-1448.

Respectfully submitted,

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Effective on 12/08/2004.

Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## For FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$1,020.00)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/789,696
Filing Date	February 27, 2004
First Named Inventor	Stephen M. POTTER
Examiner Name	Kathleen A. McNelis
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**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**☐ Check ☒ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): \_\_\_\_\_☐ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee  
☐ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 ☐ Credit any overpayments

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**

\_\_\_\_\_ - 20 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

**Indep. Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**

\_\_\_\_\_ - 3 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

**Total Sheets**      **Extra Sheets**      **Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**

\_\_\_\_\_ - 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ / 50 = \_\_\_\_\_ (round up to a whole number) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

**Fees Paid (\$)**

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): \_\_\_\_\_ Petition and Fee for 3-Month Extension of Time (Lg. Entity)

\$1,020

**SUBMITTED BY**

Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 25,851	Telephone 704-366-6642
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